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# LOOKING TOWARD LENT WITH HOPE

**Archie H. Hook**
**Superintendent and Minister**

Harold Copping, a contemporary English artist, has given us a remarkably beautiful painting of the children of the races of earth gathered in the lap or about the knees of Jesus, which he calls THE HOPE OF THE WORLD. Many of us are familiar with this picture, which has a timely message for us as we look toward Lent, for it says to us that Jesus is the hope of the world only in proportion as He can get Himself known to and enthroned in the hearts and lives of all the children of all the races of men.

Jesus himself was a man of great hope. His parables—the sower, the mustard seed, the leaven—these and others reveal his confident expectancy, as did the encouraging words with which he sought to inspire the disciples, such as: "Be not anxious for your life." "He that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

Christians do believe that Jesus is the hope of the world and that he looks to us to make Him known among all men. We expect our minister to be responsible for proclaiming this hope, performing his duties in the name of Christ, enlisting new members through words and deeds, but how ideal it is to see a dedicated church membership, proclaiming the message of Jesus, the hope of the world. We are told by people who should know, that only a small portion of the potential Christian leadership present in any congregation is active. Think of the Christians in church every Sunday morning with special talents not being used. People of all professions and trades, businessmen, housewives, students—all with the ability to proclaim, in various ways, Christ as the hope of the world.

The glory and hope of the church is vividly seen when its members enter seriously into its ministry, losing their lives that they may find them in Christ, the hope of the world. It was B. C. Clausen who wrote:

"Lord I believe in man:
In his strength through the terrible struggle
Out of the darkness which once engulfed him;
In his patience to try again and again to rise
When the forces of nature seemed to overpower him;
In his yearning for the better
Which has led him toward kindness and peace.
Lord I believe in man:
In the nobility which waits beneath pride and pomp,
In the greatness which rags cannot hide,
In the Christ who strives with the worst
To release the best
In every life.
Lord, I believe—
Help thou my unbelief."

## ADVANCE NOTICE—MARK THE DATES

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### Plymouth Church, Seattle

### May 7, 8, 9, 1957

### (Tues., Wed., Thurs.)

This brief announcement of our Annual Conference is to clear the dates for you, that you may be ready to enjoy the good things in store at this annual meeting.

We are fortunate to have three leaders this year from our National Board: FRED S. BUSCHMEYER, Associate Minister of the General Council, who will be with us for the entire session. Many will remember Dr. Buschmeyer for his splendid presentations and his friendliness when he was here a few years ago on a series of Association meetings.

GALEN WEAVER, a member of the Executive Staff of The Council for Social Action, is no stranger to our Conference, as he has been here several times in recent years conducting Institutes and Forums. Dr. Weaver will be in the Conference two days before the Annual Meeting opens this year, conducting pre-Conference Social Action Work Shops, under the direction of our Conference Committee on Social Action.

RUSSELL T. LOESCH, Minister to Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel, has never appeared on our program before, but we are confident that his message will be both enlightening and interesting. Dr. Loesch is a member of the Department of the Ministry of the General Council.

At the request of various groups, the program committee has arranged for several pre-sessions on the morning of May 7. The regular Meeting will be called to order at 1:15 p.m. by the Moderator, Dr. Martin L. Goslin.

### Dr. Hook's Message

Dr. Hook's message this month —"Looking Toward Lent With Hope," is the first in a series of three meditations. The other two, "Approaching Holy Week with Love," and "Experiencing Easter with Faith," will follow in consecutive issues.

## ONE GREAT HOUR

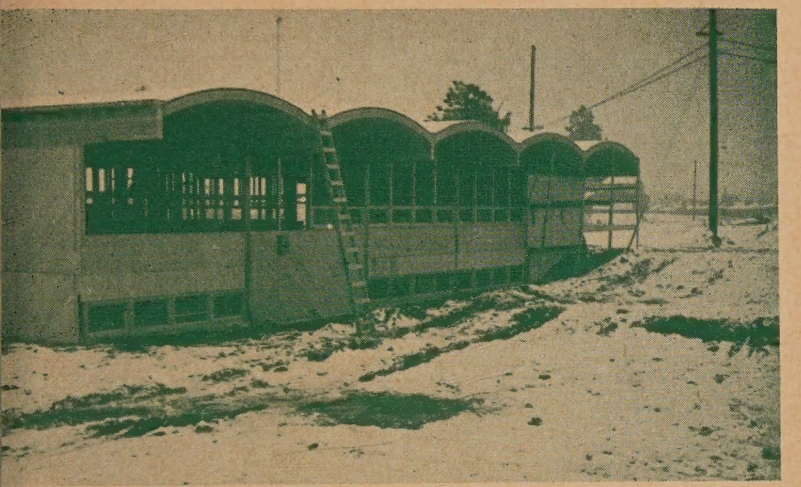
On Sunday, March 31, will co again one of the finest hours of Christian year, the "One Great H of Sharing", when our Protest Churches unite to offer to God gifts to meet the spiritual and ot needs of His other children aro the world.

This Lenten evidence of sacrifi good will has in recent years beco not only an increasing indication concern for others, but a grow evidence of unity in our Protest witness to the world.

As Congregationalists our givi is channelled through our Congreg tional Service Committee, one of t four agencies of Our Christi World Mission. In fact this past ye more than one fourth of all the r ceipts of this Service Committ came from One Great Hour offe ings—so our response is of critic importance for the far-flung wo we do through this agency.

Each year our ministers recei information about the "One Gre Hour" with posters, sample leafle and offering envelopes to be order for distribution and use. Please s that your order is sent in immed ately upon receiving the inform tion. Offerings may be sent to t Conference Office designated for t One Great Hour of Sharing.

# THE THRILL OF BUILDING A CHURCH



The New Westview Church Construction Progresses

r one of the truly thrilling stor-
n the Washington conference
in evidence, one should drive
o the triangular corner of Bis-
and Fotheringham Streets in
hwest Spokane and see the new
view Church as it begins to
shape. For here is a brand new
ch—one that has never existed
e, becoming real before your

t more than two years ago this
of Spokane was a grove of
straggly pine trees that mark
landscape of unoccupied Spo-
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from this strategic corner,
are homes. Homes with won-
l people, mostly young, living in
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ence at all two years ago, is
a thriving going concern, with
complement of organization,
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thing like 130, well able to do
ness and carry on a building
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dness.

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ble in the Washington Confer-
by the Church Extension pro-
, and is the first under this
ram to realize a building pro-
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e Church has financed itself in
nique way. First, it held a cam-
n locally for funds with which
uild, which yielded pledges of $11,000.00. Next, the church petitioned for a $30,000.00 loan from the Board of Home Missions of the General Council, and finally, the church asked the Conference Church Extension Fund for another $10,000.00. With these amounts the church is in process of building a first unit, which will combine facilities for worship, Christian Education, and fellowship for a bit over $50,000.00. There still remained the business of turning the pledges received in the campaign into cash, so that the building work could go on immediately. This was accomplished by the unique plan of selling bonds drawn on the church, to mature in five years. Private individuals bought the bonds readily, and the church was on its way with sound financing.

The church now rising at Westview features a vaulted, or scalloped, roof, with wide overhanging eaves. The roof will form the ceiling of the chapel, which will thus have a very attractive vaulted effect. A meeting room and offices will complement the chapel on the top floor, with classrooms, a kitchenette and a social hall that can be converted into classrooms on the lower floor. The entrance way will provide a half flight up into the chapel and a half flight down into the social rooms.

Dedication of the new building will be held sometime in the month of March.

## Lincoln Heights

With the reception of fourteen new members on Christmas Sunday, Lincoln Heights went over the 200 mark for the first time in its 45 year history. During November a Visitation Evangelism Campaign was held under the leadership of Dr. Jackson Smith. The church also reports that Westminster Church in downtown Sponane has included the Lincoln Heights Building Fund in their budget for 1957 in the amount of $500.

## Suquamish

At the Suquamish Church School Christmas program an electronic organ was dedicated in memory of Rovene R. Ohrenstein, the late wife of their minister the Rev. Edward Ohrenstein.

## Fauntleroy

Exactly 1000 members at the beginning of 1957 is the record of Fauntleroy Church. Since the annual meeting in June when 933 members were reported, sixty-eight additional persons have united in the church fellowship. This is indeed a significant milestone in the history of the church. Fauntleroy joins Westminster, Spokane; Plymouth and University, Seattle as our fourth church over the thousand mark.

## Ferndale

Formal dedication of two memorial gifts took place at the Family Film night program at Ferndale on December 9th. The two audio-visual items were a film-strip-slide projector and a record player and public address ystem.

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## The Macons Go to Spokane, Hillyard

When a church calls "The Macons" they are in reality securing two ministers in one. On January 15th Rev. Clarence and Rev. Julia Macon will become pastor of the Hillyard Congregational Church in Spokane. The Macons have been in Plummer-Worley, Idaho, for their first pastorate in this Conference. They will be greatly missed by these people, but they are releasing them with their good wishes for a larger field of service.

## Rev. James Duffey Accept Full-Time Pastorate at Lope

Rev. James O. Duffey, who co pleted a happy and successful 5 ye pastorate at White Salmon early December, has accepted a call to t Congregational Church on Lopez land. Mr. Duffey had led his peo through a building project, and w this church now erected and w organized it had been his intenti to retire. Instead he has respond favorably to a call to one of o San Juan Island churches, whe there has not been a resident Co gregational minister for many, ma years.

From January to October, 19 the pulpit was very ably supplied Jackson Smith, Jr. Since Octob first the Conference Pastor-a Large, The Rev. Theron A. Zimme man, has been serving this parish.

There are several very encoura ing indications of the strength a vitality of the church as they ent upon a new era under the minist of their new pastor. They recent conducted a complete Every Memb Canvass by which the entire budg was over subscribed. A new Pilgri Fellowship of about twenty splend High School young people has ju been organized. The young peop are active not only in their ow group, but are attending the churc worship regularly and singing as choir. Mr. and Mrs. George Tod long time faithful members of th church have just given to the churc a building site for the new parso age which the church expects build during the coming month This is a very desirable site with splendid water view. Lopez Churc is destined to make history durin 1957. We shall follow their progre with prayerful interest.

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## Rev. Roger Clevenger to Go t White Salmon

Rev. Roger Clevenger, who ha been serving Plymouth Congrega tional Church, Tacoma, will be goin to our church at White Salmon earl in February. This church is eagerl anticipating the arrival of th young couple with their baby so Lee. Mrs. Clevenger's education i music will add to the strength o their ministry in this church an community.

# "It Is High Time To Awake"

St. Paul wrote to the Romans that "It is high time to awake out of p. The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light."

Unbelievable?? This is home to these children right here in Washington

The church's mission, today as then, is to spread God's love on the ıd of life of every person and of every group under heaven. This is what istian Social Action tries to do, allowing no person and no group to ıd outside that concern. Christian love is a revolutionary power, and we eve that it is the will of God that Christians continually focus the venly light against any darkness in the body, mind, heart, and soul of ı, individually or corporately. In the world we face, we are called to lk like men of Christian action, and to act like men of Christian thought. s the responsibility of every Congregational Christian to help create the osphere in which life at its most joyous will flourish.

Congregationalists of the Washington Conference were wide awake this responsibility at our November 24th race-relations seminar at mouth Church, Seattle. (Another session met simultaneously at West- ster Church, Spokane.) After a day's serious study of the proposed rights bill, introduced by Willard Wright, the following resolution unanimously passed:

"We do not believe that religious and sectarian organizations should e eliminated from complying with the proposed changes in the Wash- ıgton F. E. P. C. Law regarding employment. To us it is completely congruous that the churches, who are and who should be in the van-

guard working for civil rights legislation, should be excused from complying with its provision."

The proposed bill, going to the new Washington Legislature at Olympia in January, made religious organizations the **sole** exception from the law against discrimination" We felt this left the churches in an utterly untenable position, with no moral foundations for speech or action left whatsoever.

## PRESENT CIVIL-RIGHTS LAWS

Two civil rights laws are on Washington statute books. The proposed bill strengthens them, extends their coverage, and provides more effective enforcement. The saying that you "cannot legislate morality" is only partially true, when you consider that adequate legislation in civil rights **does help create the atmosphere** in which the desired morality **can** grow! Congregational Christians should support this bill.

The first law legislates against discrimination in employment. It was enacted in 1949, revised in 1955. The second law declares equality in public accommodations to be a civil right. It was enacted in 1909, amended in 1953. Neither has been as effective as the situation demands.

The new bill creates a single agency responsible for all civil rights enforcement relating to discrimination; the agency to be named "The Washington State Board Against Discrimination." The new bill empowers the new agency to enforce the right to equal use of public accomodation and to administer equal opportunity to secure public-assisted housing, another new element in the bill.

## THAT INDIGNITIES LIKE THESE WILL STOP

The new bill will help prevent indignities like that suffered by Julian Steele, Moderator of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts, when he entered our state at Toppenish en route home from the Claremont General Council in 1952 . . . and was refused food at a restaurant there because he was a Negro. It will keep persons like the Seattle engineering aide and the Seattle physician from being discriminated against when trying in 19 to buy a home. It will keep perso like an air stewardess, and an ele trician from being discriminat against by the Seattle offices of tw air lines when they tried to secu better jobs, as happened in 195 Discrimination is un-American. Di crimination is un-Christian. Discrir ination doesn't make sense. Th writing is on the wall of histor The white world is a minority worl

## LEADERS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

Willard Wright

Lewis Watts

Willard Wright, pictured above, a Seattle attorney, Presbyterian la man, and one of the "100 Men Tomorrow" selected recently b Time Magazine and the Seatt Chamber of Commerce. He is chai man of the Washington Citizen Committee supporting this civi rights bill. He is President elect the Seattle Urban League, which directed by Lewis Watts, picture above. Mr. Watts is a member our Olivet Congregational Churc delegate to the White House Confe ence on Children and Youth in 195 and one of the "100 Newsmakers" 1953, selected by Time magazine an the Seattle Chamber of Commerc Mr. Wright and Mr. Watts hav helped spear-head the fight agains discrimination in this area, assiste by such agencies as the Anti-D famation League, Christian Frien for Racial Equality, and many othe persons and groups who believe i the oneness of men. Miss Edna Me rell of our Westminster Church one of the ardent "Christia Friends". Our Seattle Association Churches is doing excellent work i social action, headed by Bonnie Re of our Columbia church, Seattle.

# Congregationalists Survey Themselves

Plymouth Church, Seattle is interviewed

Dr. Galen Weaver, Race Relations retary of our Council for Social tion, is making a national study integration in our metropolitan ngregational Churches. Interviews re carried on in Washington in · 42 churches in the Seattle, Spo- ne, Tacoma and Vancouver areas the closing weeks of 1956. Inter- wers spent two hours with the nister and the Deacon Chairman each church. Results are not yet tabulated, but it seems clear: 1) at there is only a tiny non-white rcentage in the membership of ashington Congregationalists and se in a very few churches; 2) at a few Congregational churches ve a clear, official integration icy; 3) that most of our churches ve no clear policy of seeking non- ites out, wistfully wishing the oblem would not knock on their or. Dr. Weaver, incidentally, will in Washington State from May to 9th, 1957.

## A LONG WAY TO GO

The Bible says God created man His image. America says men are ated equal. Congregationalists actice both ideals in part, in nerica and in Washington State . but we have a long, long way to . The military has a far better cord than the churches, ours and ners, in integration. (See Lee chol's new book, BREAKING THROUGH THE COLOR LINE. This may be more important to America and the world than breaking the sound barrier in our time.) Seattle public schools . . . and others throughout the state, better the church record in integration. (Read the Christian Science Monitor of April 14, 1955, for Seattle's record.) The sports and entertainment world far out-distance the churches in integration. Business and industry have not done well, except for places like Boeing's—particularly poor has been the record of the realtors!

## HOUSING ONE GREAT KEY

Housing seems to be a (perhaps the) great key to full integration. Many realtors seem to operate unilaterally in forcing non-whites into ghetto patterns in housing. Consciously or unconsciously Seattle's non-whites are being jammed into the older, less desirable central Seattle area. Realtors might study one of their own periodicals, THE APPRAISAL JOURNAL, vol. xx, no. 3, July, 1952, for an article by economist Luigi Laurenti on the "Effects of Non-white Purchases on Market Prices of Residences." This article has become a classic, and as quoted by U. S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT in an Oct. 1953 issue, in part says that "elimination of racial bars to owning property makes it more, not less attractive."

# We Have a Four-Fold Program

Racial Integration is one of four of our major social emphases in thi biennium. These were voted by our Omaha General Council. The other thre are: 1) Christian Faith and Freedom; 2) Social Welfare, and 3) Interna tional Relations. Social welfare is a new emphasis, which the Omaha Counci hopes will become the third in our biennial study theme, along with Hom and Foreign Missions. All four of these emphases overlap and are inex tricably inter-related. They affect each person in the world. Every Congre gationalist, as Christian and as American citizen, must be a Social Actio Committee of one to bring light unto these areas. We cannot dodge th responsibility.

Courtesy Seattle P. I.

Hungarian refugees are brought to Seattle Area by Council of Churches

## FREEDOM, SOCIAL WELFARE, AND THE WORLD

Every age has to fight for its own liberty, and the price is high. The fight against the enemies of freedom is eternal. Freedom's enemies remain the same, regardless of the dress they wear, the language they speak. They are 1) fear of freedom, because of its demands; 2) totalitarian ideas like those which Moses rejected, communism being one modern name for it, which destroy the individual; 3) the danger that in fighting our enemies with **their** weapons, we succeed in destroying our own principles. Free men have no one but themselves to look to for freedom's rights.

This is an age of social change for more people at a faster pace than ever before in history. Inevitably persons of all ages and groups of all kinds will get hurt in the resulting tensions and struggles. Christian concern and love must become help, as Paul Tillich wrote. The job will be almost endless. The new revolutionary era of which we are a part is potentially a curse or a blessing, and the Christian Church must make it a blessing.

Dr. Herman Reissig in his recent seminars in Washington has highlighted the reasons for world revolution as it occurs around us. They all point to the utter inevitability of one world or none. The United Nations stands for the One World which will bless men of all nations and races and generations to come. The world cannot be at peace in the joyous kind of life possible for men, until the bodies, the minds, the hearts, and the souls of all men everywhere are nourished by God's light and love, as administered by men of good will. As Scrooge found out almost too late, "Mankind is our business."

*These four pages have been prepared for February issue of Congregational Way by the Conference Social Action Committee, the Rev. Emrys P. Thomas, chairman.*

## New Schedule for Laymen

The Laymen's Fellowship Committee of the Conference, with Jack Arthington as Chairman and John Winger as Secretary, has decided to schedule its Retreats for September instead of the spring as heretofore. The Schools of Churchmanship held in recent years during February and March will be held in April.

The Westside School of Churchmanship will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7 at Pilgrim Hills. The Eastside School will convene at Camp N-Sid-Sen on the weekend after Easter, April 27 and 28 when Walter Graham, National Laymen's Fellowship head, will be in Washington. The February meeting of the Committee will complete program plans and mail them out to the churches of the Conference.

The Schools of Churchmanship are designed as inspiration and training sessions for Church Deacons, Trustees and Laymen's Work leaders, though all church men are cordially invited to attend.

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## Mesa Makes Progress in Procuring Church Site

A different kind of adventure in churchmanship has been demonstrated in the new Church Extension project in Mesa recently.

The Mesa church, which is one of the fascinating and adventurous Columbia basin projects, now meets in an old abandoned and delapidated school building, and fairly screams for the erection of a new church building. But for a year or so now the church has experienced an almost incredible series of roadblocks and frustrations.

First off, the church was all set for a local financial canvass last February 26, which would have been a step to set it off for the new building project. Well, February 26 was the day of the big flood in Mesa, which jolly well washed out a good portion of the town, but also washed out for the time being plans for the new church!

Then developed a bit of trouble with the church site that had been carefully selected for the new church and given to the Conference by the developing company of Mesa. Everybody thought it was a top grade site for the church except the architects that were asked to draw plans for the church! They said the site was too hilly and rocky and it would cost too much to build a church there. So, another site was chosen and arrangements made to purchase same.

Then the next roadblock reared its head. Mesa is listed as "The only planned city in the Columbia Basin." Well, the plans did not include a church in that particular spot. There were such things as zoning and covenants. So how to change zoning laws and covenants became the next project. It was found that if every owner and holder of a mortgage in that part of town (which is most of the town of Mesa) would sign a petition requesting a variance in the covenant it might be accomplished. Quite a job, but the men of the church, headed up by Lloyd Russell, set out to get the job done.

Today's mail brings the signed petition, with notarized signatures of every property holder in the area on it! There are still some mortgage holders left to sign, who live in out of the way places and will have to be visited before the whole document is valid. These remaining signatures will be secured, if possible, for the conference files.

Rather a long process for building a church in a desert community. But it at least shows the earnestness with which the people of the Mesa Church go about things. They are determined to have their church. Lesser men might have gotten discouraged before this, but not those men!

The Mesa Church is now setting plans to hold their building campaign in February of 1957, so at long last this building project may be under way!

**The conference Committee on the Ministry reports that the Ministers' Retreats planned for the second week in February have been cancelled.**

## Stewardship Training School Coming

A new venture in training leaders for our Conference program will be launched in March.

At Pilgrim Firs on March 20 to 31 a group of twenty or more laymen and ministers will undergo an intensive three-day training period in stewardship. Its purpose will be to make available to our churches a larger number of persons who can give leadership both in Building Fund Projects and in regular budget raising. Members of the Conference staff have largely needed to carry this responsibility among our churches,but the needs are greater than available men can meet.

National leaders for the Stewardship School will be Curtis R. Schumacher of New York, Director of our denominational Church Finance Advisory Service, and Rev. James E. Waery of Chicago, Associate Secretary of our Missions Council. Mr. Schumacher will emphasize Capital Funds projects and Mr. Waery will deal with the Every Member Canvass program of the local church.

The school has been planned under the auspices of the Conference Committee on Our Christian World Mission and Rev. Ernest A. Yarrow, Committee Chairman, will serve as Dean of the school.

## SUMMER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE — 1957

**N-SID-SEN**

**July** 8-15—Family Camp
July 15-22—Senior High Camp
July 22-29—7th and 8th Grades
July 29-Aug. 5—Church School Teacher Camp
Aug. 5-12—Freshman Camp

**PILGRIM FIRS**

July 8-15—Women's Camp
July 15-22—Family Camp
July 22-29—7th and 8th Grade
July 29-Aug. 5—Freshman Camp
Aug. 5-12—7th and 8th Grade
Aug. 12-19—Representative Summer Conference
Aug. 19-26—Senior High
Aug. 26-Sept. 3—Family Camp

Youth Camp Fee:

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| Registration . . . . | $ 4.00 |
| Camp Fee . . . . . | 18.00 |
| Total . . . . . | $22.00 |

## OUR CONFERENCE LIBRARY

It is too easy for many of us t talk about theologians without reall knowing their thought. We hav read a little bit of Tillich, perhaps and probably a little more of Nie buhr—but few of us have learne enough about them. It is a mistak for any of us to decide that we don' need to know them better than w do, for their thought is the grea Christian theology of our time. It i too great for any of us to ignore o to take second-hand, even if w don't agree with it.

**The Library of Living Theology** is a series of books which will hel us to know our contemporary theo logians better. The first two volume of this series are among the curren additions to our Conference Library "The Theology of Paul Tillich" an "Reinhold Niebuhr: His Religious Social and Political Thought". Thes are books which are largely about these men, with critical and inter pretive essays on many aspects o their thought, by all kinds of people Well, **nearly** all kinds of people there is Nels Ferre's criticism of Ti lich's view of the Church, for in stance, and a fundamentalist's view of Niebuhr's idea of the ways we can prove our faith—that will indicate the range of authors. But though these essays make up most of these volumes, their most valuable fea ture is that each one begins with a 20-page intellectual autobiography of its subject and closes with a chapter in which he has a chance to reply to the interpreters and critics.

There is no substitute for studying the man's own thought—and if you feel that you can't take time to go carefully through Tillich's or Niebuhr's Gifford lectures, you can at least read these chapters.

## GOOD CHURCHMANSHIP—in *losing* some members!

That's right. We "lost" five members last week, and we are complimented by it. All five became members within the last year, but have since moved to other places—and church means enough to them that they have requested their transfer at once!

# ELTOPIA HOME "BEFORE AND AFTER" SHOWS COLUMBIA BASIN PROGRESS

That things are happening in the lumbia Basin area is dramatically own in these pictures of the Dodn home on Block 16 of the Elbia parish. One is labeled "Dodn's Tent—1955", and the other is rged "Dodson's House—1956". So is the story of the pilgrimage of e of the pioneering families of the sin and their struggles to till the d, build a home and carve out a l place for themselves in this new d of opportunity. The Dodson's ve made it, as these pictures reil. What was once sagebrush barness is now cultivated fields. hat was once a rude canvas roof er the family's head is now a nfortable home. This is a story it is not heard too often in our y, but it is a story that should told over and over, to remind ourves that there are still frontiers America, and still rugged and olesome individuals to accept the allenges they offer.

There is a sidelight or two about s scene that is worth recounting. e concerns an interesting anecte related by Elmer Hostetler, unrecently minister of the Mesa-Elbia parish. He suggested that en he first called at the Dodson me he experienced an unusual nse of frustration. You see, a miner—or anybody else, for that mat·—usually introduces his call by a knock on the door. But here—oh dear—there was no door, but only a tent flap, which is very nearly unknockable! No bell to ring either. And you don't just push the flap aside and stick your head in the door and say "Here I am!" Well, the solution was that Elmer finally found a piece of iron that he used to bang on the milk cans outside the tent until he had given fair notice that he was there, and a warm visit with the family ensued.

The second sidelight is that the Dodson home is fourteen miles from the Eltopia church, but still well within the bounds of the parish. The minister of this parish has a "big" job, both in terms of the task of keeping up with what is happening in the area and in terms of geography. Whoever ministers at the Mesa-Eltopia parish must be a "travelling man" just to cover the tremendous wide open spaces dotted with homes with similar stories to that of the Dodson's.

It is no wonder that a new brochure recently put out by the Mesa-Eltopia parish is entitled "The Church with a Future". The brochure, by the way, is a work of art. The material, which tells a rich story of human adventure, was gathered by Mrs. Lester Crawford of Mesa, and the cover was hand painted by Marlete Albee of Eltopia.

## PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCES

A typical scene from a Mid-Year Pilgrim Fellowship Conference. The Junior High meetings will be in Everett, February 22-23-24; and Westminster, Spokane, March 8-9-10. The Senior Highs will meet at Pullman, March 22-23-24 and Kirkland, March 29-30-31. Over 1000 young people are expected at this year's meetings.

### "A Country in Crisis"

Have you seen it?—An interesting colored filmstrip about the work you are doing through missionaries, funds and prayers in the vital new republic of the Philippines.

In it you see something of the beauty of the Islands, something of their slums and needs as well, and some of the encouraging young leaders being trained. Bishop and Mrs. Rodriguez, whom many of us met at Associations or at Northwest Regional are pictured at work. So are Dr. and Mrs. James McKinley of Silliman, who are in this country on furlough just now.

The filmstrip is available from the Audio-Visual Center, 1205 N. 45th St., Seattle. Send a card for it and it will be mailed to you for use at church meetings, Women's groups, Men's Fellowships, P. F. gatherings or Church School classes. You need only pay the nominal service charge. A printed script for someone to read explains each picture.

When you order it will be helpful to state a second date—in case some other church has already booked it for your date.

### We Point With Pride

As Talladega College begins its tenth decade this fall, we have a natural tendency to pause for a moment's consideration of some of her Alumni and their noteworthy achievements:

1—8% of the Negroes holding the Ph.D. degree in the U.S.A. are graduates of Talladega.

2—80% of all our alumni have had graduate training.

3—Of a half dozen leading "civil rights" lawyers, one is a Talladega graduate.

4—The Corporation Counsel of New Haven, Conn. is a graduate.

5—One of the world's leading dermatologists is an alumnus.

6—To four "Negro" colleges in Alabama, Talladega has given alumni to serve: two as deans; one as a vice president; two as presidents.

**7—Talladega is the first college in Alabama to have integration. The custom started 90 years ago.**

# COMING EVENTS

ruary 4—General Board, Council of Churches, 4:00 p.m. United Church, Olympia
ruary 5—Planning and Strategy, Council of Churches, 9:30 a.m., Olympia
ruary 5—Our Christian World Mission Committee Meeting, 10 a.m.
ruary 6—Seattle Congregational School of Life, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
ruary 10-27—Conference Survey, Dr. Ross Sanderson
ruary 12—Library Committee, 10:00 a.m., Conference Home Book mending workshop
ruary 16—Laymen's Fellowship Committee, 10:00 a.m.
ruary 19—Board of Directors
ruary 22-24—West Side Junior High Conference, Everett
ruary 25—Christian Education Committee Meeting, Westminster, Spokane
ruary 25—N-Sid-Sen Committee, Hotel Spokane, 6:00 p.m.
ruary 26—Evangelism Committee, 9:00 a.m.
ruary 26-28—Earle Lectures, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California

ch 1-3—U.C.Y.M. Kennewick
ch 8-10—East Side, Junior High Conference, Westminster, Spokane
ch 12—Library Committee
ch 12—Northwest Regional Committee, Spokane
ch 18—N-Sid-Sen Summer Conference Faculty Meetings, Westminster, Spokane
ch 19—Board of Directors
ch 20—Pilgrim Firs, Summer Conference Faculty Meetings, Conference Home
ch 22-24—East Side, Senior High Conference, Pullman
ch 25—Christian Education Meeting, Conference Home
ch 25-31—LeRoy Eide at Eastgate
ch 26—Evangelism Committee Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
ch 29-30-31—Stewardship Training Conference—Curtis Schumacher, Jim Waery, Pilgrim Firs

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**nen's Fellowship Area Meetings:**
ch 25—Columbia River Area
March 26—Tacoma Area; Sylvan Congregational Church on Fox Island
March 27—Seattle Area; Magnolia Congregational Church
March 28—Northwest Area
March 29-31—West Side, Senior High Conference, Kirkland
April 1—Spokane and East Area
April 2—Northeast Area
April 3—Southeast Area
April 4—East Central Area
April 5—South Central Area

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**April** 1-5—Vacation Church School Institutes, Council of Churches
April 6-7—Laymen's School of Churchmanship, Pilgrim Firs
April 9—Library Committee, 10:00 a.m.
April 12-13-14—Christian Horizons Conference, Pilgrim Firs
April 16—Board of Directors
April 23—Evangelism Committee, 9:00 a.m.
April 24—Our Christian World Mission Committee Meeting, 10 a.m.
April 27—Pilgrim Firs Camp Officers, 9:30 a.m.
April 27-28—Laymen's School of Churchmanship, N-Sid-Sen
April 28—Seattle Association, Plymouth Church
April 29-May 3—Northwest Directors of Christian Education Workshop, Menucha, Corbett, Oregon

**May** 3-4-5—Young Adult Conference, Pilgrim Firs
May 5-6—Galen Weaver, C. S. A. Workshops
May 7—Christian Education Committee with Deans of Summer Conference, 9:00 a.m., Plymouth Church, Seattle
**May 7-8-9—Annual Conference, Plymouth Church, Seattle**
May 9—Board of Directors, Plymouth Church, Seattle
May 14—Library Committee, 10:00 a.m.
May 16-30—Leila Anderson and the Circuit Rider in Conference (May 9-June 3 outside limits)
May 28—Evangelism Committee Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

**June** 4-5—Planning Conference, Conference Home
June 25-27—General Synod—Cleveland, Ohio

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Is your church present? Your church will be listed here next month if 20% of the members subscribe for 1957.